



# Economic Growth Region 7

Statistical Data Report for March 2014, Released April 2014

## Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in March. Twenty-one states had unemployment rate decreases, 17 states and the District of Columbia had increases, and 12 states had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-six states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier and four states had increases. The national jobless rate was unchanged from February at 6.7 percent but was 0.8 percentage point lower than in March 2013.

Rhode Island had the highest unemployment rate among the states in March, 8.7 percent. The next highest rates were in Nevada and Illinois, 8.5 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively. North Dakota again had the lowest jobless rate, 2.6 percent. In total, 24 states had unemployment rates significantly lower than the U.S. figure of 6.7 percent, five states had measurably higher rates, and 21 states and the District of Columbia had rates that were not noticeably different from that of the nation.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 7

Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties.

## Unemployment Rate by State, March 2014 (seasonally adjusted)

U.S. - 6.7%  
Illinois - 8.4%  
**Indiana - 5.9%**  
Kentucky - 7.9%  
Michigan - 7.5%  
Ohio - 6.1%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

March 2014 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mar 2014 Rate	Feb 2014 Rate	Mar 2013 Rate
U.S.	155,627,000	145,090,000	10,537,000	6.8%	7.0%	7.6%
IN	3,197,360	2,997,519	199,841	6.3%	6.9%	8.2%
EGR 7	102,794	94,725	8,069	7.8%	8.8%	9.9%
Terre Haute MSA	77,896	71,603	6,293	8.1%	8.9%	10.2%
Clay Co.	12,262	11,375	887	7.2%	8.4%	9.5%
Parke Co.	7,396	6,846	550	7.4%	8.3%	9.5%
Putnam Co.	17,502	16,276	1,226	7.0%	8.6%	8.5%
Sullivan Co.	8,416	7,780	636	7.6%	8.6%	10.5%
Vermillion Co.	7,509	6,775	734	9.8%	11.0%	11.8%
Vigo Co.	49,709	45,673	4,036	8.1%	8.8%	10.2%
Terre Haute	26,553	24,348	2,205	8.3%	8.8%	10.2%

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Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Unemployment Rate by County, March 2014 (high to low)

1 Vermillion 9.8%  
9 Vigo 8.1%  
13 Sullivan 7.6%  
17 Parke 7.4%  
20 Clay 7.2%  
30 Putnam 7.0%

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to March 2014 from:				
CPI Item	Mar-13	Feb-14	Mar-13	Feb-14
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Food & Beverages	1.8%	0.4%	1.7%	0.3%
Housing	2.6%	0.6%	2.8%	0.5%
Apparel	1.4%	2.5%	0.5%	2.7%
Transportation	-1.1%	2.7%	-1.2%	1.8%
Medical Care	3.1%	0.5%	2.2%	0.1%
Recreation	0.0%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Education & Communication	1.6%	0.4%	1.1%	0.1%
Other Goods & Services	2.1%	0.2%	1.9%	0.2%

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Claims, March 2014

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##### Initial Claims

March 1st 2014	<u>189</u>
March 8th 2014	<u>146<sup>D</sup></u>
March 15th 2014	<u>169</u>
March 22nd 2014	<u>152</u>
March 29th 2014	<u>138<sup>D</sup></u>

##### Continued Claims

March 1st 2014	<u>2,119</u>
March 8th 2014	<u>2,011</u>
March 15th 2014	<u>1,930</u>
March 22nd 2014	<u>1,877</u>
March 29th 2014	<u>1,855</u>

##### Total Claims\*

March 1st 2014	<u>2,308</u>
March 8th 2014	<u>2,157</u>
March 15th 2014	<u>2,099</u>
March 22nd 2014	<u>2,029</u>
March 29th 2014	<u>1,993</u>

<sup>D</sup> indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status.

#### State of Indiana

##### Initial Claims

March 1st 2014	<u>4,244</u>
March 8th 2014	<u>4,073</u>
March 15th 2014	<u>3,680</u>
March 22nd 2014	<u>3,509</u>
March 29th 2014	<u>3,454</u>

##### Continued Claims

March 1st 2014	<u>46,213</u>
March 8th 2014	<u>44,882</u>
March 15th 2014	<u>42,638</u>
March 22nd 2014	<u>41,829</u>
March 29th 2014	<u>42,514</u>

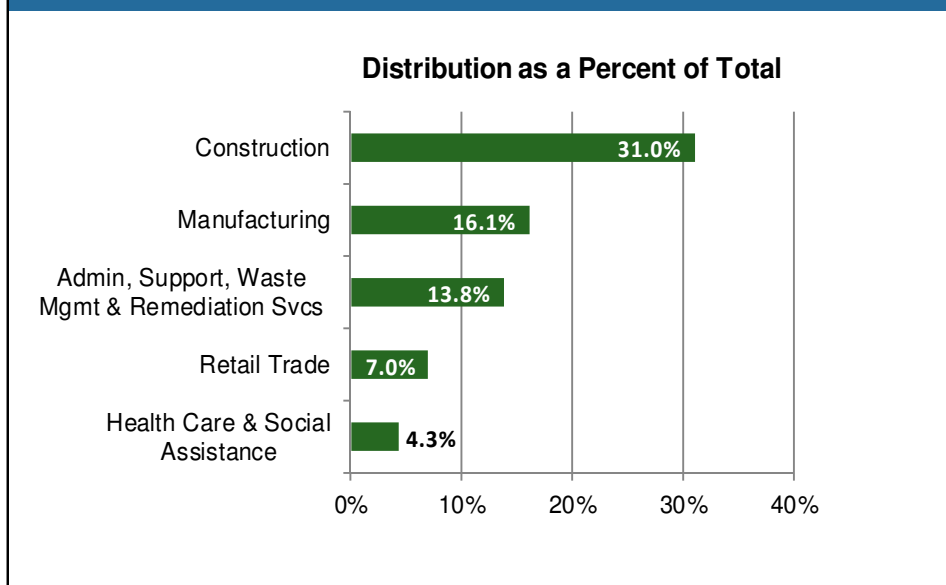
##### Total Claims\*

March 1st 2014	<u>50,467</u>
March 8th 2014	<u>48,955</u>
March 15th 2014	<u>46,318</u>
March 22nd 2014	<u>45,338</u>
March 29th 2014	<u>45,968</u>

\*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits).

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

#### Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Region 7 Industries, March 2014



Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

## WARN Notices

There are no WARN notices for March 2014 in EGR 7.

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

<b>Terre Haute MSA</b> (Clay, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties)							
Wage and Salaried Employment, March 2014				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Mar-14	Feb-14	Mar-13	Feb-14 to Mar-14		Mar-13 to Mar-14	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>70,600</b>	<b>70,200</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>57,700</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>15,100</b>	<b>14,900</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
---Mining, Logging, Construction	3,900	3,700	3,900	200	5.4%	0	0.0%
---Manufacturing	11,200	11,200	11,300	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>55,500</b>	<b>55,300</b>	<b>54,700</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
Private Service Providing	42,900	42,800	41,800	100	0.2%	1,100	2.6%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	12,700	12,700	12,500	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,400	8,400	8,300	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	0.0%	100	4.0%
---Information	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	5,800	5,800	5,300	0	0.0%	500	9.4%
---Education and Health Svcs	11,600	11,700	11,400	-100	-0.9%	200	1.8%
---Leisure and Hospitality	7,000	6,800	6,800	200	2.9%	200	2.9%
---Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Government</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
---Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%	-100	-7.7%
---State Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
---Local Government	6,800	6,700	6,900	100	1.5%	-100	-1.5%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	0.0%	-200	-5.3%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

## Applicant Pool

### Top 20 Occupations Desired by Applicants on Their Resumes in the Past 12 Months in Region 7

1 Customer Service Representatives	221
2 Office Clerks, General	176
3 Cashiers	164
4 Helpers--Production Workers	116
5 Nursing Assistants	113
6 Administrative Services Managers	106
7 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	93
8 Receptionists and Information Clerks	79
9 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	76
10 Construction Laborers	71
11 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	68
12 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	63
13 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters	61
14 Retail Salespersons	58
15 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	55
16 Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	52
17 Registered Nurses	50
18 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard	50
19 Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	46
20 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	44

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

## ***Building a 21st Century Workforce Starts in High School Integrating Education and Career Skills to Build America's Workforce***

(Excerpted from the DOL News Brief - 04/10/2014)

**WASHINGTON** — Too few of America's students are meaningfully engaged in their academic experience while in high school, and many high school graduates lack exposure to learning that links their studies in school to future college and career pathways — especially in the critically important fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. President Obama has called for a comprehensive effort to rethink the high school experience for America's youth, challenging schools to scale up innovative models that personalize teaching and learning so that students stay on track to graduate with the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in college and in careers.

President Obama has made clear that he is committed to making 2014 a year of action by taking steps — both with Congress and on his own — to expand opportunity for all Americans. As part of achieving the president's vision to prepare all students for success in post-secondary education and in a competitive workforce, the U.S. Department of Labor, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, has established the Youth CareerConnect grant.

This initiative encourages America's school districts, institutions of higher education, the workforce investment system, and their partners to integrate rigorous educational standards with work experiences and skills in ways that enhance instruction and deliver real-world learning opportunities for students. Across the country, 24 Youth CareerConnect awards will provide \$107 million to local partnerships of local education agencies, workforce investment boards, institutions of higher education and employer partners as they re-design the teaching and learning experience for youth to more fully prepare them with the knowledge, skills, and industry-relevant education needed to get on the pathway to a successful career, including postsecondary education or registered apprenticeship.

Youth CareerConnect schools will strengthen America's talent pipeline by supporting stronger high school, postsecondary, workforce investment system, and employer partnerships that deliver:

**Robust Employer Engagement & Work-Based Learning:** Youth CareerConnect awards will provide students with the education and training that combines rigorous academic and career-focused curriculum to increase students' employability skills. Employer partners will provide work-based learning, job-shadowing, and mentoring opportunities to ensure students' learning is relevant.

**A Focus on High-Demand Industries, Including STEM:** Youth CareerConnect awards will create a pathway for students to enter high-demand industries such as information technology, health care, and other STEM-related and manufacturing fields. Grantees will ensure recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups, including girls and minorities, to expand the talent pool for these high-demand occupations.

**Integration of Post-secondary Education and Training:** Youth CareerConnect awards will enable high school students to participate in education and training that leads to credit toward a post-secondary degree or certificate and an industry recognized credential, where appropriate.

### ***Building on Progress***

President Obama has encouraged all Americans to commit at least one year to higher education or career training and has set the ambitious goal that America will have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world by 2020. Yet today, nearly one in five students in America fails to graduate from high school on time and many of the students who graduate have not been adequately prepared to succeed in college and the workforce. Today's announcement of the Youth CareerConnect grant recognizes that many local districts and school leaders, as well as many of their national and local workforce partners, have been working together to provide these workplace relevant opportunities for students for quite some time, and it builds off of the collective experiences of these local partnerships. Further, this program complements additional proposals in the president's 2015 budget to ensure that all high school students graduate ready for college and career success and to help America once again lead the world in college attainment:

**High School Redesign (\$150 million).** The president's budget supports a new competition at the U.S. Department of Education to support school districts and their partners as they transform high schools in innovative ways that better prepare students for college and career success. The new program will ensure that all students graduate from high school with college credit and career-related experiences or competencies, obtained through project or problem-based learning, real-world challenges, and organized internships and mentorships. Under this program, grantees would work to: (1) align academic content and instructional practices more closely with postsecondary education and careers; (2) personalize learning opportunities to support the educational needs and interests of students; (3) provide academic and wrap-around support services for those students who need them; (4) make available high-quality career and college exploration and counseling options for students after high school graduation; (5) offer multiple opportunities to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school; and (6) strategically use learning time in more meaningful ways, such as through technology, a redesigned school day or calendar, or competency-based progressions.

**Reauthorized Perkins Career and Technical Education program (\$1.1 billion).** The president's budget also supports a reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. The Obama administration blueprint for the Perkins reauthorization proposal would strengthen alignment among secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and business and industry; create a better accountability system for improving academic outcomes, technical skills, and employability outcomes; and provide competitive funding to promote innovation and reform in CTE.

Source : U.S. Dept of Labor News Brief

For the full report go to the link - <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20140580.htm>

## **Frequently Listed Jobs**

### **Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 7 for the month of March 2014**

- 1 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 2 Machine Feeders and Offbearers
- 3 Customer Service Representatives
- 4 Nursing Assistants
- 5 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 6 Retail Salespersons
- 7 Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
- 8 Cooks, Restaurant
- 9 Security Guards
- 10 Personal Care Aides
- 11 Advertising Sales Agents
- 12 Construction Carpenters
- 13 Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria
- 14 First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
- 15 Heating and Air Conditioning Mechanics and Installers
- 16 Stock Clerks, Sales Floor
- 17 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 18 Helpers--Production Workers
- 19 Machinists
- 20 Social and Human Service Assistants

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

**Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 6.3**

**Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 5.9**

**Source:** DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

County	Rate (%)
Lake	8.4
Porter	6.9
La Porte	8.6
St. Joseph	7.1
Elkhart	5.8
Lagrange	5.0
Steuben	6.3
Noble	5.9
De Kalb	5.7
Kosciusko	5.0
Whitley	5.7
Allen	5.8
Newton	8.1
Jasper	8.3
Pulaski	5.6
Fulton	7.1
Miami	7.6
Cass	6.2
White	6.3
Benton	6.4
Carroll	6.1
Howard	6.4
Grant	7.0
Jackford	6.8
Jay	5.4
Tipton	7.1
Clinton	5.6
Tippecanoe	5.4
Madison	7.4
Delaware	7.1
Randolph	7.0
Wayne	7.1
Henry	7.1
Hancock	5.3
Marion	6.2
Hendricks	4.9
Boone	5.1
Hamilton	4.3
Montgomery	5.8
Fountain	7.5
Vermillion	9.6
Parke	7.4
Putnam	7.0
Morgan	6.4
Johnson	5.2
Shelby	5.8
Rush	5.6
Fayette	6.3
Union	6.3
Vigo	8.1
Clay	7.2
Owen	7.9
Sullivan	7.6
Greene	7.1
Monroe	5.3
Brown	7.2
Bartholomew	4.7
Decatur	5.7
Franklin	6.5
Dearborn	6.5
Ripley	7.2
Jennings	7.3
Switzerland	5.4
Jefferson	5.9
Scott	6.2
Clark	6.3
Floyd	6.1
Harrison	6.8
Crawford	7.9
Washington	7.6
Lawrence	8.3
Orange	6.9
Davies	4.5
Martin	5.5
Knox	4.8
Gibson	5.2
Pike	5.7
Dubois	4.4
Vanderburgh	5.6
Warrior	5.2
Spencer	6.1
Perry	6.0
Posey	5.3

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